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*Legborne*, Febr. 27.

THE French Squadron of Men of War under the command of Monsieur *du Quesne*, not being able as we are informed, to do any good upon the Spanish Men of War, that were retired into *Porto-Longone*, hath lately had a design upon *Piombino*, where after having burnt some few Barks that were in the Port, Monsieur *du Quesne* caused a good number of men to be landed, but they found such resistance, the Townsmen being animated by the presence of their Prince, that they were forced to give over the enterprise. And since we have advice, that Monsieur *du Quesne* has sent several of his ships to *Thoulon*, to be refitted. The Cardinal *Bonvisi* is lately dead at *Lucca*, so that there is now five or six places void in the Colledge of Cardinals. From *Sicily* they write, that *Castro-reale* near *Melazzo*, was in great danger of falling into the hands of the French, but that the Spaniards confided much in the Governor *Don Gaspar Visconti*, a person of great experience.

*Naples*, March 3. According to our last advices from *Palermo*, the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, Viceroy of that Kingdom, continued still there, and the four Men of War were arrived from *Final*, and had disembarked the Soldiers they had on board; the two other of their company are obliged to remain at *Porto Longone*, by reason several French Men of War are cruising on those Coasts. Our Viceroy is endeavouring to raise 500000 Ducats, to be employed for the service of *Sicily*, from whence we are told that at *Messina* the French grow very distrustful of the Inhabitants, and that therefore they were retired into the Castle and Fortresses.

*Madrid*, March 11. The second instant the Queen parted from hence to *Aranjuez*, seven Leagues off, where is a Royal Palace, having before her departure been complimented by the Duke *de Medina Celi*, in the name of the King. The third instant the Cardinal *d' Arragon* went to wait upon the Queen at *Aranjuez*, to receive her Majesties orders about the preparing the Palace at *Toledo*, where her Majesty will reside; and the 8th, his Majesty, accompanied by his Highness *Don Juan* of *Austria*, and attended by all the Grandees and Persons of Quality that were in Town came from the *Retiro* to the Palace here, amidst a great concourse of people, who were not wanting in making publick demonstrations of the joy they had to see his Majesty return hither, and attended by his Highness; and on this occasion all the principal Cities of this Kingdom are sending Deputies hither, to complement the King and his Highness. The equipage of the Men of War designed for *Sicily*, is carried on in all the Ports of this Kingdom with great diligence

*Copenhagen*, March 23. This morning by a small Vessel arrived from *Schonen*, we have advice, that *Carelshaven*, after having been attacked three days by the Suedes, was surrendred to them on Friday last; the Conditions we as yet know not. In the mean time the preparations for the Campagne are hastned here with all the diligence possible.

*Hamburg*, March 26. The disorder which was occasioned by the Sieur *Garmers* absenting himself, upon the complaint made against him by the King of *Denmark*, is hardly composed. From *Livonia* we have an account, that the Governor General of that Province had drawn together about 7000 men, who are to be transported to *Pomeren*, and in order thereunto, several Frigats were expected at *Riga* from *Sweden*. That Crown as we understand from several hands will have a Fleet of 50 Men of War at Sea early this Summer. The Troops of the Duke of *Zell* have now received orders to march, the Minister of that Duke, having, as is said, received full satisfaction at the *Hague*, in the matter of the Subsidies. From *Denmark* they write, that *Carelshaven*, was surrendred to the Suedes, who had been lately reinforced with some thousands of fresh men.

*Strasburg*, March 22. The Imperial Troops that were quartered in these parts, are designed to march towards the *Moselle*; but care will however be taken by the Imperial Generals to secure this important Pass; and for that reason several Imperial Troops will be posted in our neighborhood, besides those that will be put into the Forts which guard our Bridge. The French have begun to demolish the Fortifications of *Saverne*. From *Vienna* we are told, that the Count *de Montecuculi* has on the account of his great age, and the infirmities that subjects him too, prayed to be excused from going any more into the Field; which the Emperor has granted him, and has put the command of his Forces in the Empire into the hands of the Duke of *Lorrain*, between whom and the Queen Dowager of *Poland* a Marriage is finally concluded; but, as is thought, will not be consummated till after this Campagne is ended.

*Francfort*, March 24. The Imperial Troops begin to march from their several quarters, as well in *Franconia* as *Suabia*, the general Rendezvous of the Army being appointed to be held near this City the 15th of the next month; and in the mean time the Duke of *Lorrain* will march with a Body of 20000 men towards the *Moselle*, to endeavor to give the French a diversion on that side. The *Munster* Troops that have had their Winter-quarters in *Wetteravia* exact with great rigor the arrears of the Contributions remaining due to them from the poor Inhabitants.

*Cologne*, March 26. From *Openheim* they write, that the Bridge of Boats preparing there was quite finished for the passage of the Imperial Troops; the Flying Bridge was likewise bringing thither from *Mentz*, and that the Magazine which had been provided at *Francfort*, was ordered to be removed to *Coblentz*; which gave reason to believe, that one part of the Imperial Troops would act on the *Moselle*. Letters from *Francfort*, of the 24 instant say, that the Imperial Troops had begun to decamp, directing their march towards the *Rhine*; that two Bridges of Boats were preparing for their passage between *Spire* and *Wormes*, where the Rendezvous was appointed, and that some thousands were already arrived near *Wormes*; that great care was taken for providing Magazines, and that great quantities of Corn were bought up. The Letters add, that the